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COAL MINES EXPANDING

NEW RR TO AID COAL TRANSPORT -- Slovenski Porocevalec, No 148, 23 Jun 50

The largest Yugoslav coal basin is located in eastern Istria, in the Rasa River and Labin region. During the past few years, more coal deposits were discovered in the Pican coal mine district, where coal production will be three times the present figure in 1951 and later up to five times as great.

The first part of the Stalije-Lupoglav railroad is expected to be completed by August 1950. This will facilitate the transportation of coal from the Pican mine to Stalije in Rasa Bay; from there all Istrian coal is transported by ship. When the railroad is completed, the coal will be shipped by rail to the interior of Yugoslavia.

By the end of 1950, machinery for taking the coal out of the shafts of the Pican coal mine will be installed, and a transformer station, 4 kilometers of industrial track, and a large water reservoir will be constructed. In 1951 a large separator will be erected in Pican.

Since the 15,000-kilowatt thermal power plant near the Rasa River was put into operation, the entire Istrian coal basin has been supplied with sufficient power.

1,200-METER TUNNEL DUG IN MINE -- Slovenski Porocevalec, No 154, 30 Jun 50

On 28 June 1950 a new 1,200-meter tunnel was completed between the old and new shafts of the Velenje coal mine. The tunnel, which is 375 meters below the surface, will facilitate the exploitation of millions of tons more of coal. This year's coal production at the Velenje mine will be almost 30 percent greater than before the war. In a few years the coal mine will produce ten times as much coal as immediately before the war.

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